

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., March 2, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, February 23, 2022. Agenda was emailed on March 1, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda, with an item added timely. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the February 22, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign the Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Box Butte County Ag Society Board Member Ron Henzler provided a roof replacement cost estimate of \$31,152.03 from Fisher Roofing and Restoration for a replacement roof at the fair grounds to the Board. Mr. Henzler also mentioned the possibility of a marquee board for the fair grounds along with the need for new electrical lighting. Mr. Henzler was advised to speak to the Ag Society's Accountant as money was levied for the Ag Society Sinking Fund. No action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, as County Assessor Robinson presented accelerating personal property, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Andy Forney, Public Finance Banker with D.A. Davison & Co., and Brad Slaughter, Public Finance Investment Banker with Piper Sandler & Co., provided highway allocation bonding information for the West Otoe Road project. Platte Valley Companies Community President Rob Bila and Manager Wendy Seidler, Sean Ridgeway, fnbo Commercial Ag Banker and Ryan Gasseling, Farmers State Bank Branch President provided construction line of credit information for the West Otoe Road project. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Added to the agenda was an appointment to the Aging Office of Western Nebraska. Burke moved to appoint Donna McEowen to the board, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds reports included quotes from Anita Allen for window coverings at the Slagle Building. McGinnis moved to purchase the 3% screen shades for the Slagle Building at a cost of \$3,162.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to purchase the 3% screen shades for the Treasurer's vault, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Triangle Electric and JayBird Electric had not provided information at meeting time for generator and 911 backup. No action taken. Chairman Burke will inform Aaron Wood to replace the cracked concrete in front of the courthouse.

McGinnis moved to approve and sign Chairman Burke's conflict claim for mileage & travel in the amount of \$313.72, that had been tabled from the February 22, 2022 meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, abstain. Motion carried.



Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Net Payroll 114,909.40; AFLAC 2,541.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 523.98; Bank of the West 36,060.95; Box Butte County Treasurer 94,094.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 330.35; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 221.40; MASA Global Building 114.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 21,767.73; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 4,775.88; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 33,417.32; AFLAC 273.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 198.28; Bank of the West 6,290.28; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,988.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,114.38; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,300.65.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk